



Barbara Lou McPherson

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Barbara Lou McPherson, age 87, of Edina passed away Monday, February 24, 2025, at Emerald Crest, Minnetonka.

Visitation Mon March 3, 10:00 - 1:00 Washburn McReavy Funeral Home 5000 West 50th Street at Hwy 100 Edina. Interment Tues March 4, 11:00 Hillside Cemetery 2600 19th Ave NE Mpls.

Barbara Lou (Helwig) McPherson was born August 19, 1937, in Minneapolis, MN, the only child to Earl and Jean Helwig. After graduating from Roosevelt High in South Minneapolis, Barb began working downtown Minneapolis for the telephone company. On April 2, 1960, she was united in marriage to Robert McPherson. This union was blessed with almost 65 years and two sons, Mark and Greg.

Barb and Bob moved from Minneapolis to Kansas City, KS. then to Houston, TX., and in 1978 the family moved back to Minneapolis to be close to Barb's and Bob's parents. They resided in Edina where they made their forever home.

Barb was very involved in Mark and Greg's lives, taking them everywhere.

She was the cub scouts "den mother", took Mark to his art classes, and attended all of Greg's sports events. In Barb's earlier year, she sewed a lot, making clothes for herself, Mark and Greg, as well as draperies for their homes.

As a young adult and throughout her adult life, Barb was an outstanding athlete! In her youth, she would play pick-up baseball games with the guys and they would all go to Miller Park to watch the baseball games and some players gave her bats. In the 1970's, Barb started playing tennis and was a natural! As an avid tennis player, she won singles and doubles tournament frequently. In 2015, due to arthritis, Barb was forced to give up tennis, but continued to love the sport. She also loved flowers and gardening, she designed the landscape at their home on her own! Her family enjoyed her wonderful cooking, you never knew what recipe she would create, but it was always delicious! The grandkids would always say, "Grandma makes the best turkey sandwich"! Barb & Bob were active in gourmet clubs for many decades and enjoyed wonderful food and friendships! They loved to travel, and visited many incredible places: Indy 500 (frequently), Wimbledon, Europe, and many places in America. She enjoyed buying and building Legos with her grandkids. Barb loved spending time with family and friends, shopping, entertaining, trying different restaurants, movies, concerts and had a passion for dogs. Barb was a wonderful lady, so kind and gentle, always had nice things to say about people. We will truly miss her!

Barb is preceded in death by her parents Earl and Jean Helwig, mother-in-law Dorothy McPherson.

Barb is survived by her loving family: husband, Bob McPherson; sons, Mark (Ann Boyner) McPherson of Eden Prairie, Greg (Lois) McPherson of Bloomington, Grandchildren; Sonja (Rogelio Perez) McPherson, Scott McPherson, Geoffrey (Gabi) McPherson; Great-Granddaughter, Kathleen.

Memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society or a similar organization.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418